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News and Events

Welcome to the GSU Team: James Flagg



James Flagg

James Flagg recently joined the GSU community as Coordinator for Veterans and Military Personnel. He most recently served as Veterans Affairs Representative and Admissions Counselor at Robert Morris University.

Flagg brings great experience to GSU. He is a veteran of the Illinois National Guard and is involved in the community. He co-chaired the annual Illinois Warrior Summit & Welcome Home Celebration and has appointments to the Illinois Secretary of State Veterans' Advisory Council and to the City of Chicago Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs.

Flu Shots – October 29

Don't let the flu catch you unprepared. Get vaccinated against flu on October 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in E-Lounge.

Free flu shots will be available to state employees, retirees, survivors and university staff with health insurance through the Quality Care Health Plan or State-sponsored managed care plan. Employees who have opted out of health coverage through the state are not eligible.

To receive the seasonal vaccination at no charge:

- Each employee must present his/her state health insurance card and his/her state ID card.
- Each retiree must present his/her state health insurance card and another form of ID.

The following are not eligible for free flu shots: dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants and students. Employees who have opted out of health coverage through the state are not eligible.

Get an Insider's View of Cisco

Tamisha Rose past president of the CS club has arranged for GSU students to tour and see demonstrations of Cisco's Unified

Communications platform. The tour will take place November 8, from 10:30 to noon. Students interested in participating should contact Tamisha at trose@student.govst.edu.

Faculty and Staff : Could you be a Leadership Mentor?

Mentors are needed for the 2nd Annual Student Leadership Institute for undergraduate students and the Graduate Leadership Scholars program for graduate students.

Based on national best practices for leadership education, the Student Leadership Institute is a distinctive co-curricular certificate program designed for students seeking leadership development opportunities that will contribute to their personal development and help achieve their leadership potential. Mentors enhance the program by providing students with individualized feedback about their leadership development while using Kouzes and Posner's *Five Practices of Exemplary Student Leadership* as a foundation.

GSU faculty and staff are invited to volunteer to serve as a SLI Leadership Mentor. Mentors will be selected based on the needs of the student participants. Find the Mentor Volunteer Form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SLIMentors>. Complete and submit it with a brief biography by November 1.

Park in West Lot 2? It's Closed Beginning Tuesday

The majority of West Lot 2 will be closed beginning Tuesday, October 22nd for installation of the housing project sanitary sewer line. The closure may last up to six weeks. Facilities will continue to provide additional information as it becomes available from the contractor.

All other parking lots will remain open during this time and we encourage use of available spaces in East Lot 3 with access to the main building through F and G buildings.

We regret the inconvenience and appreciate your patience while this necessary installation is made on campus. For further information, please contact the Facilities Development and Management office at 708.534.4515 or on campus ext. 4515.

Online Ethics Training 2013 for Employees

Employees of GSU are reminded to complete the annual online ethics training before the deadline of November 14, 2013, at 7 p.m. Each employee received a letter through the mail to their homes and one through interoffice mail at the university with instructions on how to log on and complete the training. Completing the training is a requirement of

employment by the State of Illinois.

For more information, call Human Resources at 708.534.4929.

Student Senate Elections – October 21 - 25

Student Senate elections will take place this week for “Student-at-Large” senator positions, college vacancies and the IBHE Student Representative. All voting will be online and available 24 hours using an independent voting source.

Students are urged to cast their ballot. Access online voting system at <http://eballot4.votenet.com/govst>.

Intersession Registration

Registration for Intersession (the term between the end of Fall semester and the beginning of Spring semester) begins today. Register for Intersession classes online through the Student Portal. Registration for Intersession classes ends on December 9, 2013. For more information, contact the Registrar’s Office at 708.534.4500 or regoffice@govst.edu.

Spring Registration

Registration for Spring 2014 classes begins today through the Student Portal. Registration for the Spring 2014 semester ends on January 25, 2014. For more information, contact the Registrar’s Office at 708.534.4500 or regoffice@govst.edu.

The Family Development Center is Now Enrolling!

The Family Development Center has programs for children of all ages. The FDC is currently enrolling for half-day preschool, for children age 3-5, in morning or afternoon sessions. Half-day sessions may be FREE! Contact the FDC today and your child could start in a high quality NAEYC accredited preschool as early as next week.



Do you need full time childcare? The FDC has a few openings for preschool childcare. This program has preschool in the morning, lunch and a nap and childcare in the afternoon. Childcare payments apply.

If your child isn’t old enough for preschool, the FDC has full time childcare in our Early Head Start childcare program for children age six weeks to three years old. If full time child care isn’t needed, but you want help with parenting questions and support, the FDC can provide home-based services to you and your child.

For the pregnant woman, there is a free prenatal program to provide support and education so you have a healthy baby. The best thing with the prenatal program – your child is guaranteed a spot in full time childcare after the birth so you can back to work or school.

Call 708.235.7300 for more information.

Colleague User Group Meeting - October 23

The next meeting of the Colleague Users Group is Wednesday, October 23 at 2 p.m. in Classroom D34011.

The forum will include a presentation by Karen Stuenkel, Manager Colleague User Services and Training, titled *Search for Sections: Course Schedule versus Online Services*. And, Nick Battaglia, AVP for Administrative Systems, will present a *Tip of the Month* titled *Basic Excel Tips: De-dupe, Sort, Filter and More*.

CUG provides a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. Membership in CUG is open to all faculty and staff.

Contact the Colleague Project Office at ColleagueProjectOffice@govst.edu with any questions about the meeting.

You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers

How do I get set up with a tutor? Do I need a membership to work out at the gym? Can I check my GSU email from my phone? These are just some of the questions your GS2U Team can answer.

Did you know... is an informal Q & A session created and hosted by your GS2U Team to help answer your questions. Join Stacy Amedeo, Academic Advisor, and Mike Horvath, IT Help Desk Manager, on Thursday, October 24, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in C1320, The Writing Center Conference Room.

Bring your questions and learn more about the academic resources, student services and technology available to you at GSU.

The ABCs of ACA

Representatives from the Will County Department of Public Health will be on hand on Tuesday, October 24, from 1 to 2 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex, to answer questions about the Affordable Care Act.

Following each session, there will be time to make individual appointments for enrollment in the various healthcare insurance

programs available through the act. These appointments will be held at the Eastern Branch office of the Will County Department of Public Health, located at 44 Town Center, University Park.

This is sponsored by CHHS and Student Life.

Scholarship - Dr. Gokce Sargut



Dr. Gokce Sargut

Dr. Gokce Sargut, Assistant Professor of Management presented at the Center for Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science Workshop on Algorithmic Information Fusion and Data Mining at Rutgers University on September 20, 2013.

His presentation on Organizations and Environmental Complexity provided a brief introduction to conceptual tools and perspectives that organizational scholars, strategists and social scientists have developed in the ongoing exploration of how organizations can manage environmental complexity.

According to Dr. Sargut, "In order to facilitate organizational adaptation, managers need to make fundamental changes in how they make strategic decisions. This requires renewed emphasis on alternative forecasting methods, mitigating risks, determining tradeoffs and ensuring the diversity of thought." Some of the concepts that were covered included unintended consequences, rare events, irreversibility, loose-coupling and redundancies, anticipation and resilience and organizational sensemaking.

